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Title: Regarding opening Mannargudi-Chennai Mannai Express Train from its orginal route and extending the Chemmozhi Express to Karaikal Railway Station.

DR. K. GOPAL (NAGAPATTINAM): Sir, I stress upon few immediate needs of railway passengers of my constituency. The Railway Budget 2011-12 had introduced Mannargudi-Chennai Mannai Express Train which runs *via* Nidamangalam, Thanjavur, Kumbakonam, Mayiladuthurai instead of the proposed route *via* Nidamangalam, Tiruvarur and Mayiladuthurai. Since the broad gauge conversion is completed in the Nidamangalam-Tiruvarur-Mayiladuthurai route, Southern Railway had started operating this train service from the original route.

Secondly, Chemmozhi Express is operating service between Coimbatore Junction and Mannargudi station from June, 2013. I would like to request for the extension of the said train up to Karaikal Railway Station.